

Dear Committee,

I saw the newspaper story recently that global warming emissions are increasing faster than even the highest rate expected for this year by the IPCC in their reports. It is really clear to me and I expect to you also: This is a planetary emergency. I believe a cap-and-auction and other permit systems should be implemented by 2010 and must be based on the following principles:

- In view of the AB 32 maximum feasibility requirement, attainment of the emission cap in 2020 is the minimum you could do, and is not sufficient to comply with the statute. To the extent that emission reductions below the cap are demonstrably feasible and cost-effective, they are required, and policy instruments should be constructed to achieve maximum feasible reductions.

- I really believe this one: **POLLUTERS MUST PAY TO USE THE ATMOSPHERE!** There should be **100% auction of permits, no giveaways.** The revenues from the auction should be used to address environmental justice concerns and likely disproportionate impacts on poor people, to compensate residents for higher energy prices, and to provide the funds for massive expansion frequent, convenient, cheap public transit, especially where I live. I have to wait an hour to get a bus, and it takes 1.5 hrs to take the bus to work compared to 18 min in my car.

- Businesses with lobby clout, such as PG&E, should find high walls in the policy, to resist their influence. We must think of the planet first, and businesses second!

- Because there are huge problems in getting a trading system to cover transport, housing and small business, any overall state carbon reduction strategy also must include more potent means, such as regulation, taxing carbon and supporting conservation and efficiency. I support a carbon tax, and also a large increase in the gasoline tax.

- Trading should never be an excuse for distracting us from well known and highly effective policies such as renewable energy feed-in tariffs, zero emission vehicles, good transportation and smart urban planning. (Note: no trading system has yet actually reduced carbon emissions.)

- Any carbon cap should cover *all* carbon emissions related to California, including our purchases.

- Also, a VERY IMPORTANT component to the policy: Companies should not be allowed to buy cheap offsets overseas. Money paid for offsets should directly benefit Americans.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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